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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated September15, 2003 that resulted in Applicant having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

The fee (\$165.00) for filing a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)), along with any necessary extension fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)), is included in our Check No. <u>6636</u>. In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03528.0038.00US00. A duplicate copy of this Notice is attached.

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